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Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman, Committee on Labor
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United States Senate
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Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

In connection with your Committee's interests in the international aspects of labor, my staff and I have considerable contact with Dr. Mike Pillsbury. In this collaboration, Dr. Pillsbury is providing me and my staff with very helpful information and insights.

More and more, highly sensitive and classified subject matter is being covered. This includes, for instance, Soviet slave labor issues in the Eastern Bloc; the growing international traffic in human labor; Soviet Bloc financed training of Third World labor activity; human rights violations; competing strategies in the International Labor Organization on political issues -- apartheid, Solidarity, the PLO, etc.

Much of the relevant background and source material is highly classified, requiring maximum protection. Our cooperative relationships with you and your staff, would therefore be greatly facilitated if Dr. Pillsbury had the appropriate SI/TK security clearance. I understand that this is a clearance level he previously had when he was Acting Director of ACDA in 1981.

You might agree that it is appropriate that the proper steps be taken to confer SI/TK clearance upon Dr. Pillsbury.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. SEARBY
Deputy Under Secretary
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The tragic situation in Poland has served, at least, to awaken the U.S. Government to the need for a coordinated information program concerning the wide-range of Polish, Soviet and other Communist-bloc violations of worker human rights, as defined by international conventions.

For all of these reasons, it has become even more imperative to insure that the appropriate kind of security clearance be obtained for Dr. Pillsbury, your Committee liason with my Bureau. Based upon the subject matter to be handled and your regular Committee requests in the international labor field, I believe it would be appropriate, even crucial if a way could be found for your Committee-liason to be given SI/TK security clearance.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Searby
Deputy Under Secretary
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